

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 1999-108-C - ORDER NO. 1999-887
DECEMBER 20, 1999

IN RE: Application of Advantage Telecommunications) ORDER GRANTING ✓
 Corp. for a Certificate of Public Convenience) STAFF'S MOTION FOR
 and Necessity to Provide Intrastate Resold) AN INVESTIGATION
 Interexchange Telecommunications Services)
 within the State of South Carolina.)

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the "Commission") by way of a Commission Staff Motion for an Investigation pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §58-9-780 (1976), for an investigation into the representations of and proof offered by Advantage Telecommunications, Corporation ("Advantage" or the "Company") during a hearing before the Commission to obtain a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to operate as a reseller within the State of South Carolina. During the hearing on November 3, 1999, Ms. Sonya A. Bly, President of Advantage, appeared and testified that a complaint was pending against the Company in Michigan; however, she did not know the subject matter of the complaint.

In its Staff Motion For An Investigation, the Commission Staff indicated that it had learned the subject matter of the pending complaint in Michigan is slamming; Staff also found additional information concerning other slamming complaints against Advantage have been filed with the Michigan Public Service Commission. Additionally, Staff requested that the Commission's decision regarding the granting of a Certificate of

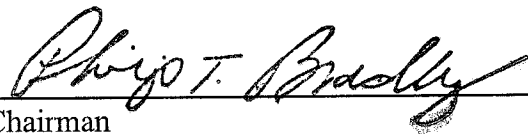
Public Convenience and Necessity to Advantage be held in abeyance until Staff completes its investigation. Further, Staff requested that the Commission establish a docket for the purpose of investigating the complaints against Advantage.

Upon consideration of this matter, the Commission finds and concludes that the Commission's Staff Motion for an Investigation should be granted.


IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The Commission Staff's Motion For An Investigation shall be granted.
2. The Commission shall hold its decision in abeyance regarding the granting of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Advantage until Staff completes its investigation.
3. A docket shall be established for the purpose of investigating the slamming complaints against Advantage.
4. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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